

Case - Timothy B. McEiffert
Subject - Homicide, New Brunswick, N.J.,
Investigation - Mr. DeW.

INFORMATION OBTAINED DURING WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 30, 1922. Received

additional information from B. Learned that about two years ago while a party and dance was going on at the Church, that Eleanor Mills was dancing and having a good time. Mr. Mr. Mills entered at about 11 p.m. Eleanor immediately stopped dancing and looked very unhappy, and did not dance anymore that night.

From the same source I learned that Eleanor said that Mills did not want her (Eleanor) to join the Choir, attend The Guild, or take part in any of the plays. Mills also found fault with a White Hat which she (Eleanor) had purchased a few months before the murder; Mills also said that it made her look too young. On one occasion while Mrs. Eleanor Mills was attending Choir, she started to cry, and when questioned by Mr. Hall what the trouble was about, she (Eleanor) told him that Mr. Mills objected to her attending Choir. Mr. Hall then went down to speak to Mr. Mills about this, and presumably adjusted matters, but nevertheless, Mills always kept nagging at Eleanor; whenever she spoke about going to any church affairs, Mills continually found fault with her. Eleanor also told Informant that on or about the last Saturday in June, that if she remained in New Brunswick much longer there would be a separation between herself and Jim Mills, as she could not stand him any longer. This conversation took place at the time when Mills found fault with Eleanor's white Hat. Eleanor told Informant that she was very unhappy with Jim Mills.

I then made inquiries with regard to a Frank Mulvey, who lives in New Brunswick, N.J., and is supposed to have some information concerning the Case, stating that he could clear it up if Mrs. Hall would guarantee \$5,000. I learned that Frank Mulvey is known by Judge Hicks, and Peter Tassity - That he lives at #146 Easton Ave., New Brunswick, N.J., and for a number of years has been mixed up in politics. That he held office as a freeholder in

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the Sixth Ward. He has a brother who is also very active in politics, but of late things do not seem to be breaking well for them. Halvey is a Democrat, but a number of years ago he was affiliated with the Republicans, left them and again returned to the Democratic ranks. A man who knows him quite well is a man named Tom Howley, who at times serves papers for Judge Hicks, and Jerry Donovan. At present as I have stated Halvey has not much prestige, and no doubt may be in need of money. I cannot find out whether he has any connections with David. It is my impression that he is trying to secure a little work so that he can make some money for himself by stating that he has this information with regard to Labone. There is a family by that name, but I am unable to secure any information that they at any time were concerned in any criminal transactions.

As to Alex McKealey, a young man of 25 years of age being in difficulty- I have not up to the present time been able to get full details.

From time to time I have been in touch with O'SConnell for the purpose of securing further information from Charlotte.

On Thursday learned that Charlotte had left New Brunswick, and had gone to her Aunt's home in Paterson, N.J.

I then proceeded to Paterson, N.J., and upon arrival there interviewed Mr. & Mrs. Barnhardt, and Charlotte Mills, and learned the following: -

They are all opposed to Mrs. Hall and her family, stating that her money was used in blocking justice, that they were convinced of Mrs. Hall's guilt, and that my mission there was to try to whitewash Mrs. Hall and her family. After considerable difficulty, I succeeded in getting a lengthy interview.

Mr. Barnhardt told me that he had know of the intimate relations that existed between Eleanor Mills and Dr. Hall - That she (Eleanor) had told

him (Bernhardt) that she had no use for her husband, Mr. Mills. That at the time Eleanor Mills was operated upon, Dr. Hall had said that if Mrs. Mills would die that he (Hall) would not want to live any longer. Also that a Miss Bowers who was at the Camp at Point Pleasant, saw Dr. Hall with a revolver. That Jim Mills did accuse Mrs. Mills of being intimate with the Reverend Hall. He (Mills) called Eleanor filthy and vile names, and they were constantly quarrelling. That on one occasion, a short time before the bodies were found, while he (Bernhardt) was a visitor at the Mills' house, a discussion took place, and Mrs. Mills on that occasion wanted to take credit for some work that was done -- Mrs. Mills then belittled Mr. Mills very much, stating that he was a fool and words to that effect. Later on when Mr. Mills and Bernhardt were alone, Mills said, "Frank, I am disgusted, I feel like getting a gun and blowing my brains out". He said, "I'm not sick. I don't know what is the trouble, I am simply disgusted." When the newspapers printed the finding of the bodies, Mr. Bernhardt's first suspicions were towards Jim Mills - This conversation with Mills was the first thing that came to his mind, and he (Bernhardt) said to his wife, "See what Jim Mills has done." Mr. Bernhardt's wife was present part of the time while I was having this conversation with him.

Mr. Bernhardt further stated that there is no love between he and Mr. Mills, and he thinks it rather peculiar that Mills has not showed any emotions since his wife's death, if anything he seems to be elated, and Charlotte has remarked to Mr. Bernhardt a number of times that her father told her, "See, since your mother is dead I have been able to save money."

Mr. Bernhardt also told me that Charlotte told him that her father at one time attacked her and handled her very roughly - This took place after the discovery of the bodies.

After the bodies were found, Charlotte had given Mr. Barnhardt a poem that was written by Mr. Hall, and some photographs, and Mr. Barnhardt called up Mrs. Hall, and Miss Peters answered the telephone - He had quite some difficulty in making Miss Peters understand him. His purpose for calling up was to get some advice as to what he should do with these photographs and poem. A person called at Mr. Barnhardt's home and made some inquiries about these, but Mrs. Barnhardt fearing that it might have been a newspaper man, denied that she had any such articles. In the evening when Mr. Barnhardt came home from work, Mrs. Barnhardt spoke to him about it, and he told her of having called up Mrs. Hall, and that it would have been perfectly all right. A day or two after, he was approached by a number of newspaper men who accused him of having letters; they also informed him that Charlotte had given them the information, and that she (Charlotte) had given her consent for him to turn the articles which were in custody, over to them. His answer was that he would not give them until Charlotte released him, whereby Charlotte sent a telegram releasing him. Then the wife of Mr. Winkler of the "New York American," made another visit to the house and received the letters and photos, for which he (Barnhardt) received a compensation. He did not state the amount of this compensation. Mr. Barnhardt turned this money over to Charlotte, in fact he claims that he bought the coat which Charlotte is wearing from that money.

Mr. Barnhardt said should I require any further information, to come over and see him, and he would do everything in his power to aid me in clearing up the situation. After convincing him of my earnestness, he finally persuaded his wife to discuss the matter with me, which she did, and I received the following additional information: -

Mrs. Barnhardt said that her sister Eleanor Mills confided in her

the relations which existed between her (Eleanor) and Mr. Hall. At the beginning their meeting place was in the direction of Western Mills, but when Sidney Garpender built his house in that direction they changed their meeting place to somewhere in Buchholz Park. That on one occasion while Eleanor and Mr. Hall were at the Church, Jim Mills sneaked in on them; this provoked her very much, and she (Eleanor) accused Mills of following her, telling him that it was useless for him to do anything of that sort, as she could fool him by going out and using an automobile. Mrs. Barnhardt has seen Eleanor write letters to Mr. Hall at times. This statement of hers was also substantiated by Charlotte, who now tells me that she saw her mother write some of these letters at times.

I tried to question Charlotte further with regards to the ex-convict friends of her father, but did not succeed in getting her to say much for the reason that she was preparing to go to a ball, leaving the house at 8.45 p.m. Saturday night.

I also secured from another source, the following information: -

That while the case was being investigated, that Charlotte, Miss North, Miss Clemons, Winkler and two other newspaper men visited "The Pines," and much drinking was done, and much difficulty was experienced in preventing Charlotte from removing all her clothes.

I am also informed that Mrs. Whittaker is now living in Newark, N.J.

I also learned from Mr. O'G. that before the crime took place, the Kelly boys were not very friendly with Charlotte, but they are trying to win her confidence. They bear a bad reputation, and Mr. Mills is very friendly with them. A short time before Christmas while they were in a place drink-
ing Judge Daly was also there, that an altercation started and one of them struck Judge Daly. From what I can learn Judge Daly took no action in this matter for the reason that he was pretty well under the influence of liquor.